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Currently, OHA is proposing a process by which the indigenous Native Hawaiian people can attain a political entity which will officially represent the majority of the Native Hawaiian people. As an OHA Trustee, I will fully support this effort. Further, the current program whereby OHA assists native Hawaiians in education, business development, Hawaiian culture and other meaningful activities need to be continued. I believe that my presence as a Kupuna (elder) will assist in developing a cooperative, meaningful and harmonious climate within the office.

Discussions I have had with many Native Hawaiian and non-Native Hawaiians have shown that there are many ways in which a native Hawaiian political entity could benefit not only the Native Hawaiian community but the community at-large. For example, upon negotiating with the city and state governments we could possibly be responsible for some of our law violators. Those kind of violations the city and state would be willing to let us handle, e.g., substance abuse, theft, violent physical actions, etc. We could also negotiate homeless activities, education, care for seniors and etc.

I have had experience with numerous Native Hawaiian activities. I have actively participated in the Hawaiian civic clubs, the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, the Hawaiian studies program in DOE, Kawaihau Church, an original OHA Trustee and certainly in the affairs of the Kamehameha Schools.

I was born and raised in Hawaii and am a descendant of the Saffery and Cockett families. I graduated from Kamehameha and the University of California, Berkeley.